

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2015-R-0054
CAPTION: Birst Data Visualization Platform Training
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Birst, Inc.
PROGRAM AGENCY: Child and Family Services Agency

FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) needs a contractor from Birst University to come in to provide training on the Birst data visualization platform currently being integrated in FACES.net for CFSA employees.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$11,213.95

4. **FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

- (a) CFSA provides important services to promote the safety and well-being of children and families. The agency coordinates public and private partnerships to preserve families through foster care, adoption, and child welfare services, and to protect children against abuse or neglect.
- (b) Birst is the data visualization platform that Analytica (currently under contract) is integrating for CFSA. The training is on the Birst platform and there are no resellers of the product.
- (c) Birst, Inc. and the Birst logo are trademarks or registered trademarks of Birst, Inc. in the United States and other countries. Copyright 2012 Birst, Inc. All rights reserved.
- (d) Therefore, it is in the best interest of CFSA to procure the services, via sole source, from Birst, Inc., the current and only vendor that possesses the unique and singularly available capability deemed essential to meet CFSA's technology services to promote the safety and well-being of children and families and to protect children

against abuse or neglect in the District.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Director
Brenda Donald

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Contracting Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Procurement Officer